



**Public Administration Department
Parks and Recreation Division**

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Dear neighbor of Observation Park,

You are invited to attend a public meeting about a proposed dog park to be located in a portion of Observation Park. The purpose of the meeting is to gather public input. A map of the Park with the proposed area is enclosed with this letter. The other side of this letter includes a narrative describing some ideas for proposed changes.

This meeting will be on **Tuesday, June 24 from 6:00-7:30 at the Washington Center** in the conference room on the main recreation level. The Center is located at 310 N First Ave W (former school) with the entrance adjacent to the parking lot on First Ave W.

Late last fall, the Duluth City Council passed a resolution that recommended a portion of Observation Park to be considered as an additional City dog park. This resolution was approved based on meetings held by a special task force and a public meeting.

RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING RUSSELL SQUARE AND OBSERVATION PARK AS SITES FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF DOG PARKS. BY COUNCILOR HARTMAN:

*WHEREAS, the city council, by Resolution 13-0101 adopted February 13, 2013, requested the parks and recreation commission review possible locations for additional dog parks in central and eastern Duluth; and
WHEREAS, the commission, through a task force and public meeting held on September 25, 2013, has recommended that Russell Square and a portion of Observation Park be considered as locations for additional dog parks.*

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the city council hereby identifies Russell Square and Observation Park as two locations for the development of city dog parks and further requests that city administration begin the necessary planning, budgetary and public hearing processes for the development of said parks.

The City's only dog park, located in western Duluth at Keene Park, is very busy. The intention of the City Council, with their resolution, is to open dog parks in the central and eastern areas of Duluth to better meet the needs of dog owners across the City. The determination of the need for two additional dog parks was a result of a special task force comprised of community members.

We encourage you to attend this public meeting to express your support or concerns. If you are unable to attend this meeting you may send your comments me at the address above or email me at kbergen@duluthmn.gov.

Sincerely,

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